Shri S. Arumugham (Pondicherry)

Shri Satnam Singh Kainth (Phillaur)

Shrimati Satwinder Kaur Dhaliwal (Ropar)

Shri Amrik Singh Aliwal (Ludhiana)

13.00 hrs.

Shri Balram Jakhar (Bikaner)

Shri Narendra Budania (Churu)

Shri Rajesh Pilot (Dausa)

Shrimati Prabha Thakur (Ajmer)

Shri Dowarka Prashad Bairwa (Tonk)

Shri Mahendrajeet Singh (Banswara)

Shri Udai Lal Anjana (Chittorgarh)

Col. Sonaram Chowdhary (Barmer)

Shri Ashok Gahlot (Jodhpur)

Shri Bhim Pd. Dahal (Sikkim)

Shri C. Kuppusami (Madras North)

Shri Murasoli Maran (Madras Central)

Shri T.R. Baalu (Madras South)

Shri D. Venugopal (Tiruppattur)

Shri Subramanian Swamy (Madurai)

Shri S.S. Palanimankkam (Thanjaour)

Maj. Gen. Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri (Gerhwal)

Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav (Sambhal)

Shri Saleem Iqbal Shervani (Badaun)

Shri Raghvendra Singh (Shahabad)

Shri Mitrasen Yadav (Faizabad)

Shri Rizwan Zaheer Khan (Balrampur)

Shri Ramesh Chandra Dwivedi (Banda)

Shri Ranen Barman (Balurghat)

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : Shri Bir Singh Mahato has informed us that he is not able to move physically because his leg is fractured. He is sitting over there in a wheel chair. He has requested that in view of his physical incapacity, he may kindly be allowed to take his oath from his seat. I am permitting that.

Shri Bir Singh Mahato (Purulia)

Shri Kamal Nath (Chhindwara)

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : Is there any Member present here who has not taken the oath or has not made his affirmation ?

I think, there is no such Member. All Members present here have been covered.

Now we have to take up the next business which is Election of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. I, therefore, decide and I announce that that item will be taken up at 4.00 p.m.

The House may now be adjourned till 4.00 p.m.

13.25 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Sixteen of the Clock.

16.00 hrs.

[English]

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Sixteen of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER PROTEM *in the Chair*]

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : Now, the Secretary-General to call the names of Members who are to take oath.

Shri S. Gangadhar (Hindupur)

16.03 hrs.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

[English]

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : Now we proceed to the next item of the business which is Election of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

We have received a number of motions. We have received notices of 18 motions. Are all these motions being moved ? We take it that the movers of these motions are willing to move these motions. If anybody does not want to move his motion, he can say so.

SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO (Karimnagar) : Sir, I withdraw my notice of motion which is listed at item no. 15 of today's List of Business. I am not moving my motion.

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : All right. Shri Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao, in whose name motion no. 15 stands, has indicated that he is not moving that motion.

SHRIMATI KAILASHO DEVI (Kurukshetra) : Sir, I am

[Shrimati Kailasho Devi]

also not moving my Motion which is shown at item no. 14 of today's List of Business.

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : That is all right. There are so many identical Motions.

So, I am now calling upon Shri Sharad Pawar to move the Motion standing in his name.

SHRI SHARAD PAWAR (Baramati) : I beg to move :

"That Shri Purno Agitok Sangma, a member of this House be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

[Translation]

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR (Tenali) : I second the Motion.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : The question is :

"That Shri Purno Agitok Sangma, a member of this House be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

The motion was negatived.

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : The motions which are listed at serial number 2 to 14, 16 and 18 are identical. Therefore, since the motion at serial number 2 has been negatived, the motions listed at serial number 3 to 14, 16 and 18 are not being put to the vote of the House. The motion at serial number 15 is not being moved. That means we are left with the motion at serial number 17 only which is standing in the name of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. So, I am now calling upon Shri Vajpayee to move his motion.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) : I beg to move :

"That Shri Ganti Mohana Chandra Balayogi, a member of this House be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : I second the Motion.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : The question is :

"That Shri Ganti Mohana Chandra Balayogi, a member of this House be chosen as the Speaker of this House."

The motion was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER PROTEM : The Motion is carried and Shri Ganti Mohana Chandra Balayogi is declared elected as the Speaker of this House. I invite him to occupy the Chair.

Shri Ganti Mohana Chandra Balayogi was conducted to the Chair by the Leader of the House, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the Leader of the Opposition, Shri Sharad Pawar.

[MR. SPEAKER (SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI) *in the Chair*]

16.09 hrs.

FELICITATIONS TO THE SPEAKER

[Translation]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wholeheartedly congratulate and felicitate you on your election to the post of Speaker of the Lok Sabha. You are not new to Lok Sabha. We are well aware of your abilities and contributions made by you as a Member of Tenth Lok Sabha. You took Special interest in rural development and agriculture and we heard your speeches on these subjects during tenth Lok Sabha. Before being elected to the Lok Sabha, you had been serving your constituency and the society through Zila Parishad.

You have been a student of Law. You have also been helping poor and dalits as an advocate. Today when the country is celebrating 50th anniversary of independence, it is a matter of great pride that an hon. Member of the Lok Sabha belonging to Scheduled Caste has occupied the office of the Speaker, It is symbolic of the changing era and times.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the responsibility which you have assumed today is arduous one and its timing too is crucial. People of this country have given their verdict. The situation that has emerged after the constitution of this House makes your work even more difficult. This seat was earlier occupied by the dignified personalities like Sardar Vitthal Bhai Patel and Shri Mavalankar. Two former speakers of Lok Sabha, Shri Shivraj Patil and Shri Sangma are present in this House. . .*(Interruptions)* Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Chair of the Speaker has a quality that. .*(Interruptions)*